

REMARKS

Claims 44-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 44, 48 and 52 remain independent.

By this supplemental reply, independent claims 44, 48 and 52 have been amended to further clarify the invention according to U.S. patent practice. The modifications are fully supported by the original disclosure, e.g., Fig. 4 and the corresponding description in the specification, and do not add new matter.

Independent claims 44, 48 and 52 are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. For example, independent claim 44 recites that a resume command is prestored as part of a prestored command group of the recording medium, and that resume information is set according to such prestored resume command. Independent claims 48 and 52 recite similar features in a varying scope. For example, as shown in Fig. 4 of the present application, one or more resume commands (RSM_CMD #1 ... RSM_CMD #m) are prestored on a recording medium (e.g., within a Program Chain Command Table) as part of prestored command groups including, e.g., pre-commands, post-commands and cell commands. These are 'commands' belong to command groups that are predesignated within the recording medium.

In contrast, none of the references applied by the Examiner in the last Office Action teaches or suggests these claimed features. For example, the primary reference, Yamauchi et al., discloses as shown in Fig. 13A that a PGC information management table is stored, wherein the PGC information management table includes a plurality of PGC information. There, each PGC information includes a pre-processing command group and a post-processing command group. However, in Yamauchi et al., there is no 'prestored resume command' being part of a command group that is stored within the PGC information or the PGC information management table. Thus, in Yamauchi et al. there is no prestored resume command which is part of a prestored command group of the recording medium, as claimed. The claimed features are also neither taught nor suggest by any of the secondary references cited in the last Office Action.

Thus, independent claims 44, 48 and 52 and any claim dependent therefrom are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance.

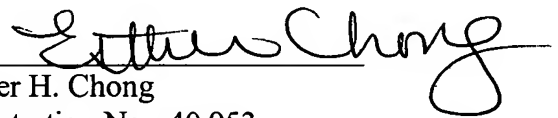
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong Reg. No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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